

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Claims 1-14 (Cancelled)

15. (Presently amended) A ~~liposome~~ liposomal-based preparation useful as an infant formula, comprising a natural bilayer-forming lipid component and an active ingredient component,

wherein the lipid component consists of a phospholipid concentration of ~~about 0.1% to about 50%~~ between 0.2% to 2.0% (w/w) of the total liposome composition, and

wherein the active ingredient component ~~is~~ comprises one or more components selected from the group consisting of micronutrients, proteins, immunoglobulins, vitamins and minerals.

16. (Previously added) The liposome preparation of claim 19, wherein the phospholipid concentration is the same as found in human milk.

17. (Presently amended) The liposome preparation of claim 15, wherein the phospholipid concentration is between ~~0.2~~ 1% to 2% of the total liposome composition.

18. (Presently amended) The liposome preparation of claim 15, wherein the lipid component ~~comprises~~ is selected from the group consisting of glycerolphospholipids, ~~or~~ sphingophospholipids, ~~or~~ and mixtures thereof.

19. (Presently amended) The liposome preparation of claim 18, wherein the lipid component is selected from the group consisting of glyceroglycolipids, ~~and~~ sphinogoglycolipids, ~~or~~ and mixtures thereof.

20. (Presently amended) The liposome preparation of claim 19, further comprising a stabilizer, wherein the stabilizer is selected from the group consisting of cholesterol, stigmasterol, ~~and~~ carrageenan, ~~or~~ and mixtures thereof.

21. (Presently amended) The liposome preparation of claim 20, wherein the concentration of the stabilizer comprises ~~about 0.05% to about 30%~~ w/w of the liposome preparation.

22. (Previously added) The liposome preparation of claim 19, wherein the micronutrients consist of thiamine HCl and ferrous sulfate.

C' 23. (Presently amended) The liposome preparation of claim 15, wherein the liposome preparation includes liposomes having a size range between ~~about~~ 50nm and ~~about~~ 100nm.
